



# THE GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE ACT

## BUILDING A GOVERNMENT OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE

The Government by the People Act is a bipartisan reform package designed to combat the influence of big money politics, raise civic engagement and amplify the voice of everyday Americans – putting the public interest back in front of special interests

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### EMPOWER AMERICANS TO PARTICIPATE

**Provide everyday Americans with a refundable *My Voice* tax credit to help spur small-dollar contributions to candidates for Congressional office.** Empowering more Americans to participate in campaign giving will improve our representative democracy and reduce Congress' dependence on big money interests.

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### AMPLIFY THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

**Establish a *Freedom from Influence Fund* to multiply the impact of small-dollar donations.** Small-dollar contributions (\$150 or less per election) will be matched from the fund, provided the candidate receiving the contribution forgoes big money special interests and focuses on earning broad-based support from small-dollar donors. Carefully crafted to provide participating candidates sufficient resources to compete, the *Freedom from Influence Fund* would make the grassroots supporter just as powerful as the big money donor.

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### FIGHT BACK AGAINST BIG MONEY SPECIAL INTERESTS

**Prevent Super PACs and Dark Money interests from drowning out the voice of everyday Americans.** In the wake of the Citizens United decision, unlimited outside spending has monopolized the airwaves in the final weeks of elections. Citizen-funded candidates who are able to raise at least \$50,000 in additional small-dollar donations within the 60-day “home stretch” of the general election would be eligible for additional resources, ensuring the voice of the people is heard.